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should not obey the law of Nebraska, as articulated by the Nebraska Supreme Court, he's advocating lawlessness. I don't care what the U.S. Supreme Court may have ruled on something that did not come from the state of Nebraska. A state court makes the final pronouncement on its own laws. So if the Nebraska Supreme Court invalidates a law or a portion of a law, it is not revived by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in another action. This thing should never be before us, in my opinion, but it is. And it's good that Senator Baker said he's going to withdraw it. So I will not say much more on this, but I am going to say something about what happened on that last measure. I will continue to talk to my colleagues. I will be as cordial as anybody is to me. But when it comes to respect, that has been destroyed. Some of my colleagues who use high-sounding, flowery verbiage when they're coming up with all of these special notions of how we ought to change the taxes, I won't...I'll hear with my ear but I won't pay attention to that anymore. I thought that was meant in the way it was given. I will not listen as much to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee as I did. And now we're in a position to ignore and disregard him, because he did not show leadership in what he did. There are times he will say the Legislature ought to stick with the Appropriations Committee. Am I offended? You better believe it. As some people will say, I don't have a dog in this fight. I resent what was done to the constitution. I resent the State Fair being elevated above everything we've done this session. I'm doing all I can to separate myself from what this Legislature has done because, in my opinion, it was shameful. And I believe you all are going to hear it when this Legislature is over. And they're going to say, how could those buffoons put the State Fair above everything else? So you all can still talk to me, but some of you who thought that I respected you, you were right, but I don't now. But you don't need respect from me. I don't have respect from you, but I've still dealt with you cordially. Well, now I feel toward you what you all have shown toward me. And you can get my ear and I'll say, uh-huh, uh-huh, yeah, and you can talk to me about each other, as you've always done, and I'll say, uh-huh, yeah, but I'll be judging you at the same time. So maybe some of the things you all have talked to me about in the past you won't want to talk to me about after I make this statement, but I like to make my